Bookstalls at Railway Stations

2909. SHRI NAGENDRA NATHOJHA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had decided in 1975-76, that the bookstalls at Railway Stations would be awarded to the actual workers' societies; and

(b) if so, what are the details, with names, of stations where contact of bookstalls had been allotted to them upto December, 1999?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAY (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir. As per extant policy, allotment of bookstall is made to eligible categories in order of preference given as under:—

(i) Cooperative societies of actual wokers/vendors and cooperative societies of unemployed grduates; (ii) Partnerships and Associations of Unemployed graduates; (iii) Individual unemployed graduates who are sons/ wards of railway men (existing or retired) and (iv) Individual unemployed graduates other than those mentioned at (iii) above.

(b) Details are given in the Statement.

STATEMENT

Name of Station	Name of Contractor
Boinchee	Rly Book Stall & Vendors Co.op. Society
Madhyamgram	Unemployed Co.op Society
Andal	M/s Unemployed Rly Bookstall Society
Panagarh	M/s Unemployed Rly Bookstall Society
Barkahana	Pustak Ferry Karta Sahayog Ltd.
Chopan	Pustak Ferry Karta Sahayog Ltd.
Tori	Goya Rly. Workers & Vendors Co-op. Society
Barwadih	Pustak Ferry Karta Sahayog Ltd.
Firozpur	M/s N.R. Bookstall Workers Vendors Sales-Cum-Supply Co.op Society
Ludhiana	M/s N.R. Bookstall Workers Vendors Sales-Cum-Supply Co-op. Society

Name of Station	Name of Contractor
Jalandhar City	M/S N.R. Bookstall Workers Vendors Sales-Cum-Supply Co.op. Society
Ambala Cantt.	M/s Unemployed Graduate Association
Bhatinda	M/s N.R. Bookstall Vendors Association
Allahabad	M/s Shikshit Berojgar Modem avam Prakshan Sahkari Samiti
Katihar	Tejatola un-employed educated Co.op. Society
Guwahati	Bookstall Workers and Vendors Co.op. Society
Madras Beach	M/s Unemployed Graduate Enterprises
Secunderabad	M/s Dalit Mazdoor Kisan Parishad Book stall
Nainpur	M/s Shikshit Berojgar Pratisthan
Bhilai Power House	M/s Shikshit Berojgar Pratisthan
Pendra Road	M/s Shikshit Berojgar Pratisthan
Belangar	M/s Shikshit Berojgar Pratisthan

Gauge Conversion of Rangia-Murkongchelek Rail Line

2910. DR. ARUNKUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise decision, actual work done and target set for gauge conversion of Rangia-Murkongchelek portion of NF Railway showing future plan for conversion and providing connectivity through Bogibeel Bridge; since 1996;

(b) the number of times the rail line from Rangia to Murkongchelek was disrupted, showing duration of discontinued rail service year-wise from January, 1996 to July 15, 2000, location and extent of damage, measures taken for permanent protection and temporary restoration; and

(c) the total days in each year having timely departure and arrival at destination of operating service of this route?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) A statement is attached.